EVALUATE YOUR CURRICULUM

Use this handy guide to help you evaluate whatever children’s curriculum you might be using. Circle the letter grade beside each item as you evaluate. This is adapted from the book, Before You Write Your Curriculum, by Dr. Jerry Bowling and Dr. David Wray (published by 21st Century Christian, 2003).

1. Does your curriculum accurately represent Scripture? Is it doctrinally sound?
2. Is your curriculum based on a translation that is child-friendly?
3. Does your curriculum accommodate different learning styles?
4. Does your curriculum offer adequate Bible coverage or scope?
5. Does your curriculum present God’s Word in an age-appropriate sequence?
6. Does your curriculum rely on solid educational theory?
7. Does your curriculum encourage meaningful student participation?
8. Is your curriculum affordable for your congregation?
9. Is your curriculum teacher-friendly?
10. Does your curriculum have eye-catching appeal for students?
11. Does your curriculum make wise use of music and rhythm?
12. Does your curriculum encourage your students to be critical thinkers?
13. Does your curriculum include parents in the teaching process?
14. Does your curriculum encourage positive changes in behavior and attitude?